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CORRECTION OF PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.78

Applicants hereby request a correction of the priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 119 for the benefit of prior filed U.S. application.

Applicants submit the following in connection with their request to correct priority in this application:

- 1. This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/398,831, entitled "Quality Assurance/Quality Control for SELDI-TOF Mass Spectra," filed on July 29, 2002, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.
- 2. A preliminary amendment is filed herewith to amend the first paragraph of the specification to contain this reference. 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(5)(i).

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3. This request has been filed within the later of four months from the actual filing date of the later-filed application (November 28, 2003) or sixteen months from the filing date of the prior-filed provisional application (November 29, 2003). 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(5)(ii).

Because this request for corrected priority claim has been filed within the time period provided in 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(5)(ii), Applicants believe no fees are due.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(e) or (f) mailed November 6, 2003, enclosed are:

- copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application [x]
- executed Declaration [x]
- Power by Assignee with copy of executed assignment [x]
- Petition for Extension of Time Π
- Information Disclosure Statement Transmittal, Information Disclosure [x]Statement and PTO/SB/08A with copies of twenty-three (23) cited references and four (4) copending applications
- Correction of Priority Claim under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78 [x]
- **Preliminary Amendment** [x]

and the payment of the following fee(s):

- Filing fee of \$770.00 [x]
- Surcharge fee for Late Filing of Declaration of \$130.00 [x]
- Other fees: Additional Claim Fees: \$194.00 [x]

Total Fee due: \$1,094.00.

A check in the amount of \$1,094.00 for the total fee is attached. [x]

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